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1. South Vietnam

There are strong indications that General Khanh is preparing to remove Premier Huong very soon. Khanh has mentioned no date, but I Corps Commander General Thi has told the press there may be a change of government tonight, Washington time.

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Yesterday Khanh again told Deputy Ambassador Johnson that Huong's downfall is inevitable. Although Khanh said the embassy would be informed of the decision before the military took action, the pace of events at the time may prevent this.

2. USSR

A recent slowdown in ICBM testing suggests the Soviets are having difficulties with some of their new missile programs.

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3. Laos

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4. India

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5. Honduras

A recent increase in political tensions may lead to violence as Honduras prepares for a constituent assembly election on 16 February. The country's majority Liberal Party is strongly opposed to present Chief of State Lopez' apparent intention to grab the presidency.

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6. Syria

Harsh actions by the regime of President Hafiz have not stopped demonstrations against the government's recent nationalization measures. Although the conservative groups leading the protests do not have the strength to topple Hafiz, prolonged agitation could develop support within the army, always the decisive force in Syrian politics.

7. Thailand

The Communists are stepping up their propaganda and agitation program in Thailand. On 23 January, a clandestine Communist-operated radio station announced the formation of a "Patriotic Front of Thailand." Another front, called "Thai Independence Movement" was formed a few months ago. Its declared purpose is to lead the Communist movement for the ouster of the Thanom government and the US "imperialists."

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